# Free Seminar on Aquatic Invasive Species



# **WHAT**

California's Boating Clean and Green Program is offering free seminars to teach boaters; fishermen; state and local officials; and marina, port and yacht club operators about their role in combating aquatic invasive species (AIS) on California's waterways.

### WHY

AIS, like quagga and zebra mussels, pose a serious threat to water delivery systems, hydroelectric facilities, agriculture, recreational boating and fishing and the ecosystem. Recreational vessels are one of the transporters of these species into uninfested waterways. Therefore, it is important for boaters and boating facility operators to learn how to inspect watercraft and fishing gear to prevent the spread of invasive species into California's waterways.

#### **LEARN HOW TO**

- Protect the quality of recreation and aquatic ecosystems.
- Identify saltwater and freshwater AIS, including guagga and zebra mussels.
- Understand their economic costs and operational impacts.
- Learn how watercraft and fishing gear inspections can reduce the spread of AIS.

#### **SEMINARS**

**You must register to attend.** For registration please contact Vivian Matuk at (415) 904-6905 or vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov.

**El Sobrante** 

Date: Tuesday, May 14 (Register by May 10)

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

**Location:** San Pablo Reservoir, Concession Building

7301 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803

**Parking:** Free parking available at the facility

**Lunch:** Purchase lunch at the facility (\$6 chips or fries, soda and a hot dog,

hamburger, veggie burger or chicken) or bring your own lunch.

# Marina Del Rey

Date: Thursday, June 13 (Register by June 7)

Time: 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Location: Marina Venice Yacht Club

(located in the Marina City Club, West Tower G-2 level:

4333 Admiralty Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292)

**Parking:** Free parking available at the facility

**Lunch:** Purchase lunch at a nearby restaurant or bring your own lunch

# **Sacramento**

Date: Thursday, June 20 (Register by June 17)

**Time:** 8:45 am - 2:45 p.m.

**Location:** Sacramento State Aquatic Center

1901 Hazel Ave. Gold River, CA 95670

**Parking:** Free parking available at the facility

**Lunch:** Purchase lunch at a nearby restaurant or bring your own lunch

The Boating Clean and Green Program, which is conducted by the California Department of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission, is hosting these seminars in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the University of California ANR/Cooperative Extension and Sea Grant Extension Program.